



NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

CREATING A **SAFER** SANTA ROSA

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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. --Mother Teresa

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With some bad weather rolling in I would encourage everyone to provide whatever support they can, especially volunteers, to the cold weather shelter churches. For information on their needs and contact information, visit the "SAFER Newsletters" (14 December) section on our webpage <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/coad/index.html>

INFORMATION

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - Eleanor Roosevelt

FEMA PRIVATE SECTOR TIP OF THE WEEK FOR 12/14/2009:

Give the Gift of Preparedness: a weather radio, CPR lessons or emergency kits for your family, pets and car. For more preparedness gift giving ideas, visit: <http://www.ready.gov/business/plan/emersupply.html>.

HOMELESS MEETINGS IN JANUARY

In January we will hold a meetings for **ALL** parties interested in assisting the homeless. The Navarre Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on 14 January from 1pm-3pm. We will hold a similar meeting in Milton at the Locklin Center behind the Santa Rosa Medical Center on the 13th of January from 10am-12 noon. **ALL** parties interested in any part of the homeless issue are encouraged to attend one or both of these meetings. For planning purposes contact Daniel at 983-4606 or danielh@santarosa.fl.gov if you want to attend. This is our opportunity to have a positive effect on a segment of our community that needs the most help. Other topics will include methods of supporting those who lose their homes to fires. Spread the word.

BAD WEATHER

A FREEZE IS POSSIBLE ACROSS MOST OF THE AREA...EXCEPT FOR THE IMMEDIATE COASTAL AREAS ON SUNDAY...MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS OF NEXT WEEK. MINIMUM TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED TO RANGE FROM THE FROM THE MID TO UPPER 20S OVER INTERIOR LOCATIONS TO THE LOW TO MID 30S ALONG THE COAST.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - Bernard Meltzer

RESOURCES TO HELP WITH YOUR ORGANIZATIONS BUSINESS CONTINUITY STRATEGY

Do you have questions on creating or maintaining your organization's business continuity strategy? If you think some research might benefit you, visit arcserve.com/morethanbackup for **Comprehensive Information** on the benefits of backup software, **Analyst Reviews** of CA ARCserve Backup versus the competition, as well as **Case Studies** on the benefits of protecting both physical and virtual servers with one solution and **Free Trial Software** of CA ARCserve Backup and CA XOsoft Replication and High Availability.

Keep On Keepin' On

A Workshop to Help Communities Prepare for and Recover from Disasters

The full-day ***Keep On Keepin' On*** workshop was designed by Volunteer Florida, the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, in direct response to the challenges faced by communities impacted by Florida's Christmas Day and Groundhog Day Tornadoes.

Keep on Keepin' On is targeted to representatives of community agencies, rather than the general public, and can accommodate 50 – 200 participants.

Workshop participants will:

- Get acquainted, share their mission statements and brief descriptions of the clients they serve and the roles they (could) play in disaster.
- Meet and hear presentations by local emergency managers.
- Learn about the emergency management cycle, all-hazards emergency planning, and the National Response Framework.
- Get acquainted with Continuity of Operations (COOP) planning, and receive a tool kit to help them begin or expand their agencies' COOP plans.
- Through simulated "tropical weather updates" and a tabletop exercise, discuss the protective actions they will take to ensure the safety of staff and protection of physical assets.
- "Experience" a powerful hurricane and conduct a post-disaster agency damage assessment.
- Learn to identify the impacts of the disaster on their clients and anticipate immediate and emerging disaster-related needs.
- Recognize the advantages of strategically sharing scarce resources among faith-based and community organizations.
- Develop, through inter-agency collaboration, disaster relief projects to meet emerging community needs.
- Build partnerships that survive the workshop, become lasting community relationships and strengthen the local response network.

The ***Keep on Keepin' On*** workshop is endorsed by county emergency management professionals and is consistent with state and local *Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans* and the Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Guidelines and Target Capabilities list for Volunteer Management and Donations.

All disasters are local – and the response to them begins at the local level. The Department of Homeland Security requires jurisdictions to include nongovernmental

organizations in their disaster planning. The ***Keep on Keepin' On*** workshop teaches community organizations of all kinds to survive disasters and prepares them for leadership in the local nongovernmental response.

THIS WILL BE ADVERTISED MORE IN THE FUTRE, I JUST WANTED YOU TO BE AWARE AND PLAN ON COMING TO THIS ON MARCH 16TH 2010. (location TBD) This is a great opportunity for SAFER members to practice working together to prepare for future disasters in our community.

For more information contact Merrilee White at 850-488-0384 or Merrilee@volunteerflorida.org. or Daniel Hahn @ 983-4606 danielh@santarosa.fl.gov

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

MILESTONE MET

SAFER Santa Rosa has gained its 100th member! Welcome and thank you to Family Promise of Santa Rosa Inc. for helping us achieve this goal. Currently new members are being added to the new, as of yet, unrevealed webpage, which I hope to open soon.